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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Masaya UMEMURA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/880,824  
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For: SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM  
Group: 3629  
Examiner: I. Borisov

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire November 12, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.